

SELLS RARE STAMP FOR RECORD FIGURE

Originally Worth Ten Cents. Brings \$900 at Sale.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Feb. 10.—A United States postage stamp which is seventy years old, said to be the only copy in existence, sold in this city yesterday for \$900, a price declared to be the highest ever paid for an American stamp in this country. A New York capitalist was the purchaser.
In the government archives at Washington this stamp was found among a package of dusty documents. It is one of the first series which the United States postal authorities issued in 1847, after the discontinuance of the practice of individual postmasters printing their special franking labels. It is a 10-cent blue, on bluish paper, bearing a portrait of Washington. Ordinarily this is not an uncommon stamp, but this specimen was discovered used as a half-stamp and prepaying only 5 cents postage. In other words the stamp was cut horizontally, and paid postage to only half its face value, thus enhancing its philatelic worth many times over.
The sale of this stamp included the joint disposal to the same purchaser, for an extra \$50, of a 5-cent black stamp issued in 1847 for the Baltimore postoffice by James Madison Buchanan, then postmaster there. This was the earliest date when stamps were used in the United States.

Ask Reading Matter for Troops.

The Woman's Army and Navy League is sending out an appeal for reading matter for enlisted men on the border and other isolated places. All who care to respond may send books and magazines to the office of the depot quartermaster, Seventeenth and F streets northwest, or notify the chairman of the league, Mrs. W. C. Borden, 2304 Tracy place northwest.

Burglars Steal Money and Papers.

Anton Fisher, of 906 G street northwest, reported to the police last night that his place of business was entered early last evening and \$100 in cash and valuable papers stolen.

NOT SORRY THEY LEFT BORDER.

Boys of Battery B Glad to Be Back Home Again.

"Just like a palace," say members of Battery B, who have just returned from the border. "The border is nothing like this, and believe us, we are glad to be near civilization again," commented one of them. "While we have no hope of being mustered out now, we have made up our minds to take things as they come."
With the exception of a few colds, the returning Guardsmen are in fine physical condition. The first few days at home were very busy ones, the boys being kept so hard at it that they have hardly had time to celebrate their return. A large squad receives permission every day to visit relatives and the Guardsmen are making the most of it.

A. E. SAUER CAPTURES TROPHY FOR FENCING

Wins Last Competition for Jusseland Prize—Dr. Breckenridge Second.

A. E. Sauer, of the Illinois Athletic Club, won the last competition for the Ambassador Jusseland fencing trophy in the tournament at the Riddle and Hunt Club of Washington last night.
The bronze figure will become the permanent possession of Dr. S. D. Breckenridge, of Washington, next year, since he has already won two competitions for the prize. He finished second to Sauer last night.
Other winners were L. G. Nunes, of the New York Athletic Club; F. W. Allison, of the New York Athletic Club; Stoddard Pitt, of the New York Athletic Club; and H. A. McLaughlin, of the Washington Club.
The trophy was presented after the tournament by the French Ambassador. Previous winners have been Dr. F. W. Allen, of the Boston Athletic Association; J. A. MacLaughlin, then wearing the colors of the New York Athletic Club, and P. W. Allison.

Black tulle is charming with gold embroidery.

COMPULSORY SERVICES ADVOCATED BY BUTLER

College President Reminds America of Shortcomings at Banquet.

(By the International News Service.)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 10.—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, in an address tonight at the annual dinner of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, told of what he deems the American short-comings.

"There are foreign nations that look upon the United States as in high degree irresponsible in international relations, so great are the obstacles which our temperament and our governmental forms put in our path as a nation," said Prof. Butler. "We do not generally recognize the fact that our form of government makes possible and our political habits make increasingly frequent the modification or repeal of explicit treaty provisions by a subsequent act of Congress without any notice to the other high contracting power. We do not appear to take account of the fact that our form of government permits, and our temperament encourages the denial by a State legislature or other local authority of rights secured to aliens by the solemn act of the treaty-making power."
Professor Butler put himself on record in favor of universal military training. "What have we to render more than lip service to democratic principle?" he asked. "Compulsion is not foreign to the spirit of democracy, although democracy uses it sparingly."

SET DAY FOR PEACE PRAYER.

The Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America have set aside next Sunday for a national day of prayer, to "guide the nation in the present crisis." All over the country churches of all denominations are expected to join in a plea for divine guidance and supplication for peace. This plea embraces all Christians in America, and was inaugurated in compliance with requests from numerous church societies and organizations.

Satin coats are promised for spring.

TRAFFIC CLUB TAKES TRIP TO "HAPPYLAND"

Patriotism Bubbles as Stars and Stripes Flutter and Bugle Blows.

"Happyland" came to be a very serious and exceedingly patriotic land at the annual dinner of the Washington Traffic Club at the Raleigh last night.

The yard-long strip tickets by which the guests got admission into the banquet hall were issued under condition that the guests were not to be a grouchy. Everywhere one was greeted with the signs, "smile" and "be happy." The tickets were good for one first-class passage over various "lines," appropriately designated according to features of the evening. "Happyland" converged to one destination. "Happyland" was the name. But instead of easing and making carefree the business and professional mind, the occasion, in view of the crisis this country is facing, developed a patriotic atmosphere and stimulated deep thought, and not one guest left the banquet without realizing that he owed his country a serious duty.

As the dinner progressed the guests were thrilled by a bugle call, "to arms," from one of the corridors of the dining hall.

Odell S. Smith speaks.
Then Odell S. Smith, chairman of the patriotic committee, made a stirring patriotic address. He said that the patriotic committee had been organized to give aid and applause that "there is not an American who will not live, fight and die for his country."
As an inspiring climax he dramatically recited the Star-Spangled Banner. When he had emphasized the last line of this national air, the hall became dark. Spotlights from the balconies flashed to the far end of the room and played on a large flagpole surrounded with soldiers and sailors in uniform.

Again the clear notes of the bugle rang out as a sailor hoisted the Stars and Stripes amid a wild cheering of the guests. When the flag reached the top, hidden electric fans unfurled it as though it were blowing in a strong breeze. With a martial spirit, everyone joined in the singing of the song.

Mr. Smith announced that this patriotic innovation was made possible through the courtesy of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, which had procured the lights and other effects from the General Electric Company.
Diverse from Subjects.
The speakers, among them being Members of Congress, diverged from their subjects and made emphatic references to the international situation, declaring that the United States stood ready to defend its honor whatever the sacrifices might be.

Representative Philip P. Campbell, from Kansas, declared, "Do not get the idea into your heads that there is any man living in the United States today who wants peace at any price." He said that every guest present was an "American to the core" and would give everything in the event of war, but he asked the question, "Why should you be called upon to give everything?"

He wanted to know why some method other than the sacrifice of the best men of nation and billions of dollars worth of property and resources has not been devised to settle international disputes.
Representative Campbell claimed that "a higher order of statesmanship" would prevent wars, and said that it was far more sensible to "talk it over" before a war than after a conflict.

War Brings No Honor.
Because of their "savagery" wars of today bring no honor to the nation or men who emerge victorious, the speaker said. He denounced the present warfare as being unmanly because "no bravery and valor is brought into play by throwing a can of gas from a trench at an unseen enemy. There is no face-to-face fighting in this age."

Representative Campbell expressed the belief that if nations would begin to rear monuments to those who achieve fame in the interests of peace and progress, such a step would be the "dawn of peace."
Francis H. Sisson, assistant chairman of the railway executive's advisory committee, who was the next speaker, asked Representative Campbell:

"Why is it not the Congress of this country large enough to apply the rule of reason instead of force, not only to international disputes, but also to the settling of the industrial controversies in this country?"
"Our lives and the property of the railroads of this nation are at the disposal of President Wilson in the event of war," Mr. Sisson continued.

True Patriotism.
"True patriotism means that we are not afraid to die politically, financially and physically."
A long shout followed these words, and a toast was proposed to President Wilson. Previous to this the guests had pledged their loyalty to the President.

Mr. Sisson declared that "it was a severe blow to our President when the immigration bill was passed over his veto."
He then spoke on pressing railroad problems and said that the present system of railroad regulation is a failure. He offered the following suggestions as a probable solution for the situation:

"Federal supervision of railroad securities; Federal incorporation of interstate carriers; Federal regulation of rates; a regional and functional division of the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission; restriction of rate suspensions to not more than sixty days and giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates."

Should Protect Americans.
Senator Thomas W. Hardwick, from Georgia, emphatically declared that "it is the first and paramount duty of this government to protect the life of its citizens on land and on sea."
He referred to Mr. Sisson's remark to the immigration bill, saying, "Mr. Sisson sees in the measure a restriction of the laboring element entering this country, which is quite natural since the railways are in need of labor."
"But it is not men to work on railroads that we want in this country from foreign climes, but men who will make citizens."

GOOD SKATING TODAY, WEATHER MAN SAYS

Freezing Temperature Will Probably Continue for Several Days.

The popular pastime of ice skating will continue today. Sudden declines in the temperature yesterday morning sent the mercury down for a drop of 22 degrees from the high before, assuring the required ice thickness, not only for today, but probably for several days to come.
This morning it will be fair and slightly warmer. In the late afternoon or night it will get somewhat colder, according to the Weather Bureau report. Tomorrow the weather will be moderate with westerly winds.

Should the ice on the Potomac River suddenly begin to thaw, it became known yesterday, Aqueduct Bridge will be closed to traffic in the fear that its piers might not withstand the jamming of ice against it.

WILSON ORDERS PROBE INTO HIGH FOOD COSTS

Federal Trade Commission and Departments to Act at Once.

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Will Inform Congress.
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Probe Will Be Searching.
The commission announced that the food inquiry would be the most searching and complete ever undertaken upon that subject by any governmental agencies. The President was said to have become impatient that certain preliminary inquiries had not produced concrete results and he is now determined that every possible fact bearing upon the high cost of living problem be quickly and accurately ascertained.

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GRAND JURY TO PROBE ALLEGED PAPER TRUST

Investigation Will Commence This Week in New York.

Two branches of the Federal government, the Department and the Federal Trade Commission—yesterday announced the initiation of energetic steps in the fight against the alleged news print paper trust. This combination, it is alleged, is squeezing the business life out of small newspaper publishers by boosting the price of paper from 1 to 800 per cent and by unfairly manipulating supplies and deliveries of paper to the detriment of certain publishers.

Attorney General Gregory announced that Mark Hyman and Bainbridge Colby have been retained as special assistants to the Attorney General to conduct a grand jury investigation in New York City, beginning this week, with a view to bringing indictments against the heads of the paper trust. It is hinted that criminal prosecution of heads of the trust will follow.

The Federal Trade Commission announced the retention of Francis J. Heney, of Los Angeles, as an expert investigator in the paper trust investigation. The commission said its preliminary report on the news print paper situation has been delayed owing to the illness of Commissioner Davies, but that it will be presented to Congress early this week.

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DEMOCRATS TO AGREE ON MEETING OF DEFICIT

But \$500,000,000 Bond Issue for Preparedness Is Turned Down.

Democratic Senators in caucus last night agreed to accept the House draft of the administration revenue bill to raise funds for the \$500,000,000 deficit which faces the Treasury at the end of the fiscal year.
The Senators turned down flatly a proposition of Senator Overman that \$500,000,000 be raised by a bond issue to meet the cost of the ambitious army and navy preparedness program.

The right to amend was reserved and the Senate and the Senators will resume caucus sessions today to consider formal amendments to the draft.
The revenue bill as it passed the House provided that more than \$500,000,000 for the preparedness program be raised by a tax on co-partnerships, corporations or concerns earning in excess of 8 per cent annually.
The bond issue authorized is \$100,000,000 and additional taxes on incomes are provided.

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